

**Amendments to the Specification:**

The paragraph on page 6, beginning on line 6 has been amended as follows:

--When compared to the channels and ducts in earlier or prior contact lenses, the microchannels in the contact lenses in accordance with the present invention preferably are relatively small in size. For example, each microchannel in accordance with the present invention may have a width of less than about 10 degrees ~~[[of]]~~ or less than about 5 degrees, and more preferably in a range of about 0.5 ~~degrees~~ degree to about 2 degrees (for example, in a 360 degree substantially circular array).--

The paragraph on page 6, beginning on line 15 has been amended as follows:

--Each microchannel may be defined by a continuous, substantially non-variable, angular ray extending theoretically from about a periphery of the optical zone of the lens to about ~~[[a]]~~ an outer periphery of the lens. Preferably, each microchannel has a maximum width in a range of between about 50 to about 500 microns.--